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HUBER HEIGHTS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO TAX CRIME

DAYTON – Martin Jeff Dorf, age 53 of Huber Heights, pleaded guilty in United States District Court here today to one count of attempted income tax evasion for filing a federal income tax returns for 2001 through 2004, claiming a total of \$56,876 in income for those years, yet knowing that his actual income was \$574,147. The tax loss in this case is \$155,000.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, and Jose Gonzalez, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation announced the plea entered today before Senior United States District Judge Walter Rice.

According to a statement of facts filed with his plea, Dorf owned and operated several business, including SlotMachines USA and Diversity Products, Inc. He bought, refurbished and sold casino-style slot machines at flea markets, over the Internet, and at retail establishments in the Cincinnati and Dayton, Ohio areas.

When he filed income tax returns, he reported only the income from his pension payments and not the income he earned from his business activities.

"Mr. Dorf has acknowledged underreporting his income and has made restitution to the IRS," Lockhart said. "He has cooperated, made restitution and accepted responsibility for his crimes."

Dorf also participated in the IRS Expedited Plea Program, a program designed to accommodate both the interests of the taxpayer who desired a speedy resolution to a criminal tax investigation and the interests of the government in obtaining a fair resolution of the case with a minimum expenditure of investigative and prosecutorial resources.

Jose A. Gonzalez, Special Agent in Charge, IRS, Criminal Investigation, stated, "IRS-CI will vigorously pursue the prosecution of those individuals that chose to evade their income tax obligations. Today's announcement is a prime example how IRS-CI is combating income tax fraud."

Dorf faces between probation and five years imprisonment for the crime. Judge Rice set sentencing for December 12, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.

Lockhart commended the investigation by IRS Criminal Investigation agents and Deputy Criminal Chief Vipal Patel, who prosecuted the case.

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